
* INDIANA SINCLAIR-TIMEX NEWSLETTER *

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I.S.T.U.G. MEETING

There will be no May meeting this year due to the club picnic, on June 8th, and because of the running of the Indy 500 race so near to regularly scheduled meeting time.

The June meeting will be on June the 29th, 1:30 PM at the Eagledale Public Library. For those who need directions call Paul Holmgren at 317-291-6002 or Frank Davis at 317-473-8031. All meetings, unless notified otherwise are held the last Saturday of each month, at 1:30 P.M. at the Eagledale Public library.

For the month of June we will be having our annual family club picnic. The Date was changed due to one of the hosts being injured, Carol Davis. It starts at 1:30 P.M. at Carol and Frank Davis's country place. We are holding it two weeks earlier this year to avoid the hot part of the year. Those who attended last year will remember 100 degrees or more. A bit more work has been done there so it should be more comfortable all the way around. A map is included in this issue and those who attended last year should note that the road is no longer gravel and has been chip and sealed. Other Sinclair users not members of ISTUG who wish to attend are invited, but it would be nice to know in advance so we can set aside sufficient food. All are invited to bring soft drinks, tea, lemonade, and your favorite dish or two. The main meats will be provided, along with plates and table service. Bring family or a date, children are included. We will have a state of the club address.

The July meeting will be held on July 27th at 1:30 P.M. at the Eagledale Public Library. We will be demoing a BBS program for the QL and hopefully a demonstration of both the Larken and the Oliger disk drive systems running off of the same TS2068. We may even get around to demoing SPDOS. Wonder what that is? Then come and find out. It was used before on the Ramex disk drive systems for the TS2068 and is now available for use on the Oliger.

P.S. We are always looking for new members so do not be shy about bringing around a friend to join. Bring in to one of our upcoming meetings a piece of software you gave up on years ago and get help getting it to run.

MISC. NEWS, WANTED AND FOR SALE

Many of you know that Carol and I also publish UPDATE Magazine and may even be looking forward to your copy. It is in the mail. Several weeks back Carol injured her Achilles tendon and foot and has been on crutches and a walker since then. It is healing slowly. She normally takes care of photocopying, collating, envelope stuffing, etc. This has slowed us down with my having to help some in this area and around the house. When you get your issue you will see a new logo for UPDATE. We owe a big thanks to Bill Ferrebee for this artwork. More changes to come. Bill writes the Sinclair column for Vulcans Computer Monthly and heads up Mountaineer Software. While on the subject of UPDATE, the current subscription year ends after the July issue, but we will be continuing for at least another year. Beyond that point depends on renewals and new subscribers.

Have all of you heard that there will not be a Sinclair or Timex-Sinclair Fest this year? Guess what...that is not entirely true! For many years the Dayton-Microcomputer Association of Dayton, Ohio has produced the official COMPUTERFEST, and has offered us space at this years show for a subshow for Sinclairs and Timex-Sinclair. This show has around 15,000 attendees each year and has long (at least the past six years I know about) had a few Sinclair groups attend with a couple of Sinclair lectures. Gary Ganger of Dayton (he was on the committees for the shows I produced for Sinclairs at Cincinnati and Indianapolis in 1986 and 1987) is the contact person for this at 513-849-1483. The show will take place August 24th and 25th at the Hara Arena in Dayton Ohio. General admission tickets for this are \$5.00 each. For those interested there will be a banquet the night before. Contact Gary for more info on that by phoning at a decent hour or writing him at his home at 812 Hedwick Street, New Carlisle, Ohio, 45344-2619.

At this time SMUG from Wisconsin, ISTUG from Indiana, the Dayton Timex-Sinclair Users Group will definitely be there. I have heard that CATUG of Illinois, CATS of D.C., and the Cleveland Sinclair Users Group may possibly be there. Mechanical Affinity will be there, QUANTA, and of course UPDATE Magazine all ready to serve you. I talked to Ed Grey about this and he seemed interested. Now it is up to you readers, users and other groups to help bring this about. Contact Gary and offer him some help with this, or to do a seminar. With SMUG there I expect they will be bringing more Timex stuff from Zebra to sell.

In order to reserve a dealer, user group or flea market table all in the same block Gary will need to have your money and reservation before June the first. This is our chance, so let us take advantage of this. We hope to have much more information on this for the July issue of UPDATE. See you all at the show.

FOR SALE: QL PRINTER, used 20 hours, mint condition. \$85 plus postage. Robert Curnutt, 10400 Truxton Road, Adelphi, MD 20783, 301-439-8756.

FOR SALE: A & J 2000 for the TS2068, works great and comes with Mscript on cartridge and three blank wafer cartridges. I have owned this since new and had no problems with it, I just have not used it lately and want to see it put to good use. \$50 takes it and includes postage and handling. Frank Davis, 513 East Main, Peru, IN 46970, 317-473-8031. Also interested in buying hardware for the TS1000 so send me a list of what you want to get rid of.

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QUANTA's Jan. 1991 revisions for the Library added files to 12 disks and 6 new disks to the library.

Disk Name	Contents	Free Sectors
DUAL_GUIDE....	(Archive based Library Guides).....	650+
C.A.D_1.....	(Computer Aided Design).....	312
COMMS_XFER1...	(COMMunications/transfer).....	135
COMMS_XFER2...	(a BBS program).....	New Nov.90. 921
EDUC_1.....	(EDUCational).....	revised Nov.90. 345
GAMES_GEN1....	(GENeral games).....	222
GAMES_GEN2.....	.....	330
GAMES_GEN3.....	.....	New Nov.90. 1134
GMS_STRAT1....	(GaMes advent/STRATEGY).....	108
GMS_STRAT2.....	.....	105
GMS_STRAT3.....	.....	72
GMS_STRAT4.....	.....	revised Nov.90. 735
GRAPHICS_1....	(Graphics programs).....	231
GRAPHICS_2.....	.....	revised Nov.90. 435
KERMIT_1.....	(Kermit for the QL).....	99
KERMIT_2.....	.....	807
KERMIT_3.....	.....	348
LANGUAGES_1...	(Forth, 'C', etc).....	revised Nov.90. 384
MANDEL_1.....	(MANDELbrot programs).....	revised Nov.90. 138
MANDEL_2.....	.....	New Nov.90. 12
MATHS_1.....	(Maths etc).....	186
MATHS_2.....	.....	888
MISC_DEMO_1...	(MISC & DEMOnstration).....	revised Nov.90. 729
MISC_DEMO_2.....	.....	New Nov.90. 96
MISC_DEMO_3.....	.....	New Nov.90. 327
PAGE_DES.....	(Version 1).....	60
PRT_FONTS_1...	(PRinTer utilities & FONTS).....	243
PRT_FONTS_2.....	.....	222
PRT_FONTS_3.....	.....	revised Nov.90. 642
PSION_1.....	(PSION utilities etc).....	144
PSION_2.....	.....	revised Nov.90. 195
PSION_3.....	.....	re-issued Nov.90. 345
QDOS_JM_1.....	(JM ROM decoded).....	462
QDOS_JM_2.....	.....	648
QDOS_JM_3.....	.....	15
QDOS_JM_4.....	.....	154
QDOS_JS_1.....	(JS ROM).....	459
SPECIALS_0....	(Reserved - T. TEBBY + TRAPS ONLY).....	1032
SPECIALS_1....	(Specialist programs).....	255
SPECIALS_2.....	.....	198
SPECIALS_3.....	.....	450
SPECIALS_4.....	.....	New Nov.90. 309
UTIL_DRCPY....	(DiR & CoPY UTILities).....	525
UTIL_EMACS....	(Mi cro_EMACS V3.9p SOURCE FILES).....	36
UTIL_EMAC2....	(Run version. NON-SOURCE + new _doc's)...	681
UTIL_GEN_1....	(General utilities).....	144
UTIL_GEN_2.....	.....	revised Nov.90. 96
UTIL_GEN_3.....	revised Nov.90. 333
UTIL_TKMC_1...	(ToolKits/MachineCode).....	201
UTIL_TKMC_2.....	revised Nov.90. 903

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THE ISTUG BBS REPORT

WESTRIDGE 20501

This Month Reporting On: The Grey Matter BBS (213) 971-6268
Settings: 8/N/1

Most TS2068/Spectrum users interested in telecommunications know that for the past five years (at least), TS-Modems and terminal communications programs are synonymous with Ed Grey of Ed Grey Enterprises (P.O. Box #2186, Inglewood, CA 90305). Ed is the TS2050 modem man! Along with countless TS2050 modem cards, has also brought the North American TS2068/Spectrum community the SPECTERM-64 terminal program for TS2068s and Spectrums using tape or disk, and TS2050 or ZIO card & modem.

Ed still sells these products, and one way they may be purchased is via his Bulletin Board System called The Grey Matter BBS & RCP/M. The board is one of the most dedicated TS boards available. The GM BBS is a 64

-----{ }----- PBBS MENU Grey Matter BBS & RCP/M

[B] Read Bulletin	[?] Display menu once
[F] Private feedback to Sysop	[S] Statistics
[J] Jump to CP/M	[U] User List
[L] List log-ins (last 20)	[W] What's new in uploads
* [M] MAIL MENU	[X] Xpert Mode toggle
[N] News files	[Y] Yak with Sysop
[G] Goodbye (log-out)	[T] Toggle [more] prompt

* This invokes the MAIL sub-section for messages!

Minutes left: 46

Hike, the PBBS commands are: B,N,U,M,S,U,L,Y,F,J,G,X,T or ?

column BBS and therefore it is recommended that a terminal program such as ZTERM-64, SPECTERM-64 or MAX-COM is used to access the board (note that the latter two programs are available for purchase from Ed).

Above is a sample screen from the GM BBS. The board features a message base with private and public messages, a NEWS FILE menu, Uploading & Downloading of files, and the ability to jump right into the CP/M operating system.

The NEWS FILE menu offers product reviews, software product lists as well as an Ed Grey Enterprises product price list. There are also telecommunications related articles and information. There is even an Ed Grey order form which can be downloaded so you can print a fresh form for each of your many TS & non-TS product orders from Ed!

In all, it is an EG (Extremely Good) TS-BBS because it is simple and straight forward to use. There are instructions on how to log-on as a first time user, and how to become a "regular" user. The final touch is Ed's involvement in the operation of the BBS. There is no monkey-business or CB-handles allowed. Everything is on a "Real Name" basis.

In all I feel that this TS-BBS is well worth the phone call, even all the way from Ohio! If you have drifted away from TS-Telecommunicating, now is the time to get back into the swing of things and keep up with the latest Timex/Sinclair news through TS-BBSs. Remember, if we don't use it, we will loose it! j

Future TS-BBS Reports will take a look at Sir Clive's Castle BBS of Ottawa, Ontario and the CATUG Bulletin Board of the Chicago TS Users Group which is run by our old friend, Bob Swager....So stay tuned to future issues from ISTUG!

Bob Swoger's LogiCall Provides Those Little Extras to Larken Users

By Mike Fellerski

I believe that almost every TS2068 LARKEN Disk interface owner has heard of Bob Swoger's LogiCall program. It is a LARKEN DOS Shell utility designed to "make your life with the TS2068 and LKDOS almost fun."

The utility helps users LOAD, CATALOG, ERASE, FORMAT, MOVE, and view files from disk without using long and finger-tiring commands. LogiCall LOADs via AUTOSTART and lets you execute commands/utilities with LOGICAL SINGLE keystrokes, with the least amount of thought. For instance, the FORMAT disk command is executed by pressing the "0" key at the prompt. Drives are selected by pressing the desired drive number at the DRIVE? prompt.

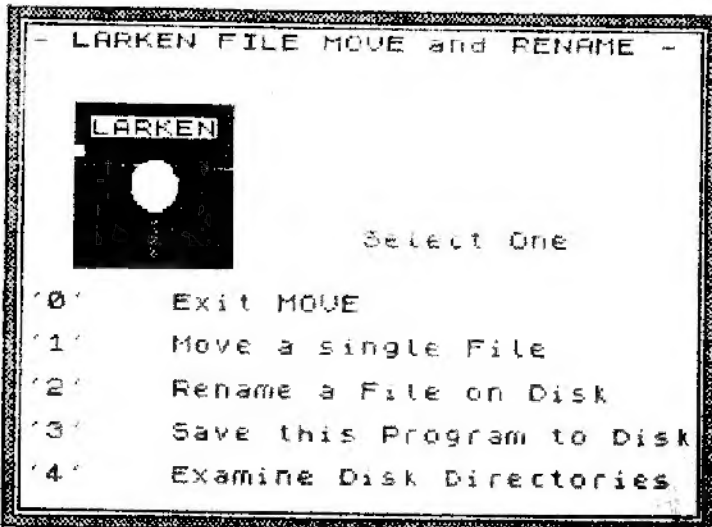
But, the point of this article is to look at the "little extras" provided with the LogiCall program disk. They include new and improved versions of the LKDOS Format and Move utility programs.

If you would like more information regarding LogiCall or programs converted to run via LKDOS, contact:

Gator Software Development
c/o Bob Swoger
613 Parkside Circle
Streamwood, IL 60107

Now let's look at two of those LogiCall utility programs, MOVE and FORMAT:

LogiCall's "LARKEN File Move and Rename" utility not only allows the user to execute a LARKEN MOVE (copy a file from one disk to another), but it also provides a ability to RENAME any filename on any disk in in any drive.



The MOVE utility lets the user copy a file from a user specified Source disk (drive) to a user specified Destination disk (drive). The file copied can retain its original name, or a new name can be entered.

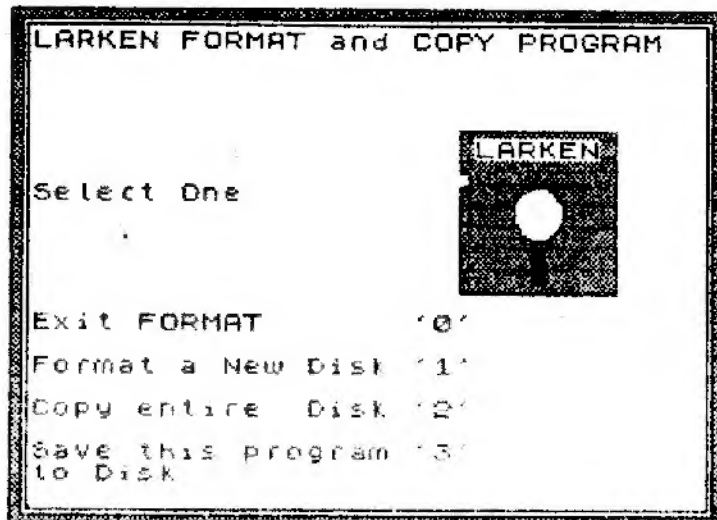
If you accidentally misname a file, then you can use the RENAME utility the current filename, and then the to change that filename. You are asked for the current filename, the (disk) drive where the file resides, and the new file name you wish to give the file...hit RETURN, and Poof, it's done!

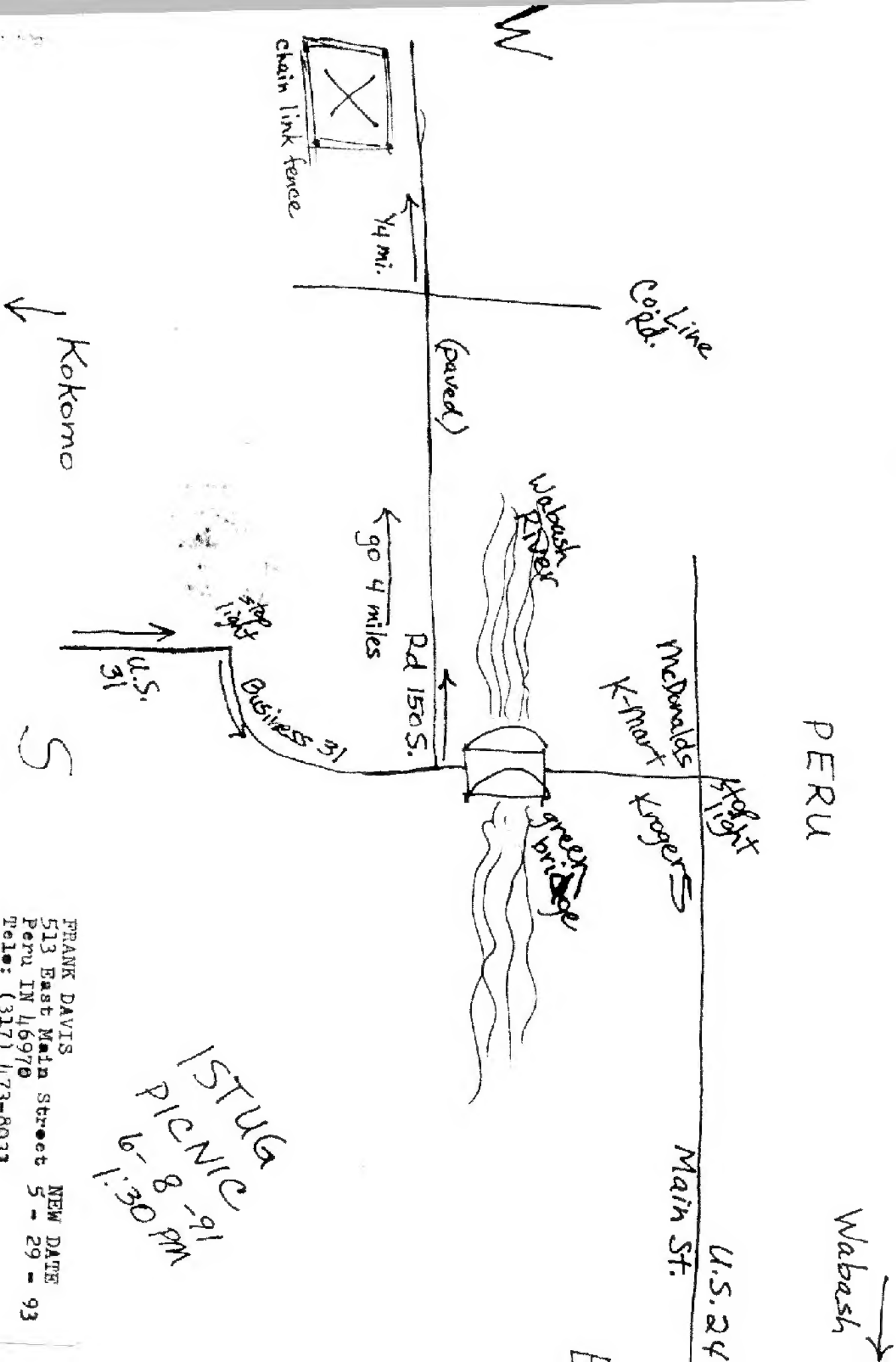
Finally, like all of the LogiCall utilities, there are options to SAVE the utility to disk, and examine (CAT) any disk in any drive.

The LogiCall FORMAT and Disk Backup Utility program is an upgraded version of the original LARKEN disk format program. This improved FORMAT is similar to the original which was supplied with LKDOS, but it has been "touched-up" for easier use.

This version also corrects a bug which was found in earlier FORMAT versions. After a disk has been FORMATTED, the program ask the user if he/she wishes to SAVE the FORMAT program to the newly FORMATTED disk. Previous versions would only SAVE themselves to drive 0, regardless of which drive was used to FORMAT. This updated version will SAVE to the newly FORMATTED disk/drive, regardless of which drive it is.

"Copy Entire Disk" is provided as a disk BACKUP utility. The user just needs to select a Source and Destination drive. The utility will then do a block for block transfer of data from the Source to the Destination disk, making an exact copy. ■





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